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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Michael Kaufman first joined the faculty at
3 Loyola University in Chicago in 1986; and

4 WHEREAS, Michael Kaufman served as the Loyola School of
5 Law's associate dean for academic affairs from 2005 until July
6 2016, when he assumed the role of interim dean; and

7 WHEREAS, Michael Kaufman was named dean of the law school
8 in March 2017; and

9 WHEREAS, Under Michael Kaufman's leadership, the Loyola
10 School of Law has become a national leader in diversity,
11 equity, and inclusion; it has expanded access to educational
12 opportunities for students due to his efforts and those of the
13 faculty to develop relationship-based curricula that
14 emphasized core classes on professional identity formation,
15 implicit bias prevention, and perspectives on law and justice;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Michael Kaufman further expanded opportunity for
18 more non-traditional students to study law through his
19 successful development of the Weekend JD program; and

20 WHEREAS, Under Michael Kaufman's leadership, bar exam

1 passage rates, employment outcomes, student academic
2 credentials, academic reputation, and national rankings have
3 all shown marked improvement; and

4 WHEREAS, Michael Kaufman, aside from his duties as dean
5 and vice provost, displayed a prolific dedication to
6 scholarship, producing 30 books and many law review articles;
7 he supported the university and participated in numerous
8 fundraising activities, while continuing to teach civil
9 procedure and education law; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare June 30,
12 2021 as Michael Kaufman Day and applaud him as he makes the
13 next step in his distinguished career; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Michael Kaufman as a symbol of our esteem and
16 respect.